GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1505
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2017
Corruption in PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding irregularities in Public Distribution System (PDS);
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has any plan to strengthen and streamline the PDS; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): There have been complaints about irregularities in the functioning of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) including leakage/diversion of foodgrains, foodgrains not reaching the intended beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to ineligible persons, etc. in some States/regions in the country. TPDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments wherein the operational responsibilities for implementation of TPDS within the State/UT rest with the State/UT Governments concerned. Therefore, as and when complaints are received by the Government from individuals and organizations as well as through press reports, these are referred to the State/UT Governments concerned, if required, for inquiry and appropriate action. A statement indicating State-wise number of complaints on Targeted Public Distribution System [TPDS] received from 2014 to 2016 is at Annexure.
(c) & (d): The Government has initiated a Plan Scheme on End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS operations on cost sharing basis with States / UTs. The Scheme comprises of activities namely, digitization of ration cards/beneficiaries and other databases, computerisation of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portals and grievance redressal mechanisms and installation of e-PoS devices at Fair Price Shops and issuance of foodgrains through biometric authentication. 100% ration cards have been digitized and approximately 2.45 lakh e-PoS devices are currently installed at Fair Price Shops. Aadhaar Seeding at national level is 78.6%. Online allocation is being done in 30 States/UTs, supply-chain management implemented in 20 States/UTs, Transparency Portal set up in all States/UTs, and online Grievance Redressal Mechanism / toll free helpline number has been set up in all States/UTs.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1505 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2017 IN THE LOK SABHA
STATEMENT: COMPLAINTS ON TPDS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS & THROUGH MEDIA REPORTS ETC FROM 2014 TO 2016
S. No.
State/UT
2014
2015
2016
1
Andhra Pradesh
4
8
5
2
Arunachal Pradesh
1
1
-
3
Assam
5
34
32
4
Bihar
55
106
81
5

Chhattisgarh
3
6
9
6
Delhi
78
113
91
7
Goa
-
-
1
8
Gujarat
16
8
12
9
Haryana
26
35
34
10
Himachal Pradesh
-
4
5
11
J&K
-
5
3
12
Jharkhand
16
32
29
13
Karnataka
6
16
22
14
Kerala
1
16
22
15
Madhya Pradesh
7
17
24
16
Maharashtra
25
48
62
17
Manipur
1
6
4
18
Meghalaya
2
7
9
19
Mizoram

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-
20
Nagaland
3
-
2
21
Orissa
8
22
43
22
Punjab
5
10
7
23
Rajasthan
31
33
59
24
Sikkim
-
-
-
25
Tamil Nadu
7
22
33
26
Telangana
-
10
1
27
Tripura
-
-
1
28
Uttarakhand
8
24
21
29
Uttar Pradesh
137
197
461
30
West Bengal
11
32
29
31
A&N Island
-
-
1
32
Chandigarh
3
6
2
33
D& N Haveli
1

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1
34
Puducherry
-
-
-
TOTAL
460
818
1106
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